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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Examiner:

This communication is responsive to the office communication, dated October 18, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The three-month shortened statutory period for response to the communication was set to expire on January 18, 2007. Upon acceptance of the accompanying fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1), the period for response is extended to February 18, 2007. As February 18, 2007, is a Sunday, and Monday, February 19, 2007, is a holiday, under 37 C.F.R. 1.7, the period for response is extended to Tuesday, February 20, 2007. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed.